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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2002 (Paper No. 24) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the following claim(s) as rewritten below:

36. (Twice Amended) Postage indicium dispensing apparatus comprising;

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